(i) The capacity available in the Civil sector is being increasingly utilised to widen the base of indigenous production.

(ii) The defence production units have time bound targets for reducing import content in equipments produced by them and their performance in this regard is being monitored in the Ministry.

(iii) Task groups have been set up for promoting expeditious indigenisation of spares for defence equipment.

(b) Some of the achievements are the following:—

(i) The overall indigenous content in the equipments produced in the defence production units has been steadily rising.

(ii) The Task groups have already identified spares to be indigenised and formulated time bound action plan for indigenisation, implementation of which has already commenced.

(iii) A number of items have been indigenised through the civil sector. These include assemblies/sub-assemblies/components of armoured vehicles, main propulsion batteries of submarines, tyres for aircraft, batteries for various application, crash fire tenders and heavy duty tank transporters.

Meeting of Sub-Committee on Medical Education

@*333-A. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sub-committee on medical education set-up by the National Development Council has not met even once after it was constituted; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The meeting of the NDC Committee on Medical Education has been convened once.

Backward districts in Orissa under special employment generation scheme

@@*333-B. SHRI MANMOHAN MATHUR:
SHRIMATI MEERA DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the backward Districts of the State of Orissa are likely to be benefited under Special Employment Generation Scheme;

(b) if so, what is the number of S.C., S.T. and backward class families which have been benefited so far under the scheme;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, by when these families are likely to be benefited; and

(d) what are the criteria for choosing the District or area to have the benefit of the above said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) There is no scheme titled "Special Employment Generation Scheme". However,

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@Previously Starred Question 214, transferred from 10th March, 1993.

@@Previously Starred Question 374, transferred from 22nd March, 1993.

for rural areas, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), whose primary objective is generation of additional wage employment to the unemployed and under-employed persons in the rural areas, is in operation in all the districts in the country.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

भारत में स्वतंत्रता पूर्व के काननों का जारी रहना

*334. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में स्वतंत्रता पूर्व के कुछ कानून अभी भी जारी हैं;

(ख) सरकार ने उनमें सुधार लाने के लिए क्या प्रयास किए हैं; और

(ग) सरकार ने न्याय प्रणाली को सरल बनाने हेतु क्या प्रयास किए हैं?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) सरकार, जब कभी अपेक्षित हो, समय-समय पर ऐसी विधियों को, निरसित करने, निरसित और पुन: अधिनियमित करने या संशोधित करने के लिए उपयुक्त उपाय करती रहती है।

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस बारे में समय-समय पर विभिन्न उपाय किए गए हैं। प्रक्रियाओं को सरल बनाने के लिए, सिविल प्रक्रिया संहिता और दंड प्रक्रिया संहिता को, संशोधित किया गया था। न्याय प्रशासन के विकेन्द्रीकरण के लिए भी प्रयास किए गए हैं और इस उद्देश्य से, सरकार ने विशेष न्यायालय अर्थात् कुटुंब न्यायालय, आदि का गठन किया है। लोक अदालतों के विस्तार पर भी जोर दिया गया है। मलिमथ समिति द्वारा प्रक्रिया और अधिकारिता संबंधी की गई अनेक सिफारिशों को उच्च न्यायालयों/राज्य सरकारों को उपयुक्त रूप में अपनाने के लिए भेज दिया गया है।

Namrup Fertilizer unit of H.F.C. Ltd.

*335. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposal to make Namrup Fertilizer Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. as an independent unit; and

(b) by when the Namrup Fertilizer Unit is expected to become an independent Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No decision has been taken by the Government to make Namrup unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. as an independent unit.

(b) It is not possible to indicate any time frame in this regard.

Bagasse based newsprint project

*336. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to abandon the Rs. 623 crore bagasse based newsprint project being set up at Yeraguntala; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL